



Minutes of the meeting of Chipperfield Parish Council held in The Small Hall, The Common, Chipperfield on Monday 16th September 2013 at 7.45 pm

Present Councillor Laverack, Chairman, Councillor Bathurst, Councillor Flynn, Councillor Ingram, Councillor Kempston and Councillor Mant,

Also present Mrs J Dawes – Clerk,

111/13 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman announced details of the arrangements in case of fire or other events that might require the meeting room or buildings evacuation

112/13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received, recorded and accepted from Councillor Nobbs.

113/13 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were none.

114/13 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

It was proposed by Councillor Flynn, seconded by Councillor Ingram and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 15th July 2013 be signed as a true record.

115/13 MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

Arising from minute 79/13 the fireworks would now be held on 9th November 2013.

Arising from minute 81/13 a meeting has been arranged with the Chairman of the Tennis Club.

116/13 REPORT FROM BOROUGH/COUNTY COUNCILLOR

There was none.

117/13 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM MEMBERS WHO HAVE ATTENDED MEETINGS WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS

The Clerk was asked to circulate the list of groups and representatives.

118/13 POLICE REPORT

Councillor Ingram reported that the recent problems involving the Land Rover garage had been resolved due them entering into an agreement with garden scene.

It was reported that there have been three crimes in the village during August. There had been a burglary, damage to a vehicle and the theft of a laptop from the vehicle. The Council it was very disappointed with the increase in incidents.

119/13 REPORT FROM PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The Clerk introduced the new village warden, Mr. Peter Sadler, to the Council. Mr. Sadler had been appointed warden following a successful interview. The Council welcomed Mr. Sadler and hoped the dictionary his work in the parish.

The committee had also reviewed by the Rangers wages and increased it in line with a salary back dated to the 1 April, 2013. The Council passed on its thanks to the ranger for covering in the absence of a warden.

Signed _____

Dated _____

FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSE

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Councillor Laverack reported that he had finally heard back regarding a meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner. The Commissioner had offered to attend the parish Council meeting however it was agreed that at this stage an informal meeting would be preferred with the option of attending the parish Council meeting in the future.

121/13 PARISH CHURCHYARD

It had been verbally reported that the planning permission had been granted however no information was available on the website. The Clerk would check with the District Council to find out what the conditions of approval were.

122/13 MONTHLY ACCOUNTS AND ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The Clerk presented the monthly statement of accounts and list of cheques that have been paid during August and September. It was proposed by Councillor Flynn, seconded by Councillor Bathurst and **RESOLVED** to approve the list of cheques as attached to these minutes.

123/13 NOTICE BOARDS

The Clerk presented a paper on the condition of the Council notice boards it was agreed that the Clerk should make enquiries regarding taking over the board adjoining the two brewers and ordering three new boards of the glazed variety and ensuring that one side was lockable for the Council's official documents. The Clerk would also make enquiries and an application to obtaining some money from Councillor Roberts's locality budget for these boards and some welcome to Chipperfield signs for the village.

124/13 CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR

The Clerk reported that following the resignation of Malcolm Leach the vacancy has been advertised and that there had been no call for an election. It was therefore now possible to co-opt a new member.

OPEN SPACES

125/13 OPEN SPACES REPORT

The open spaces group are proposing to meet every two months with the next meeting to be held on 25 September 2013. The representative of the chess valley bridleways would be invited along. Cllr Kempston to arrange the meeting. No response has been received regarding the letter about the filming. Cllr Ingram would chase up Adriana Livingstone to find that the current position.

EVENTS

126/13 EVENTS WORKING GROUP

Councillor Flynn had spoken to Dacorum Borough Council regarding their events policy which they deny exists he will check with Herts County Council to see if one exists there.

ALLOTMENTS

127/13 ALLOTMENT REPORT

The contractor is on site at present the allotment group are a little disappointed in how the work has been carried out this time. The gates still haven't been repaired and some of the fences have not been completed. Cllr Bathurst would chase them up to ensure the job was completed to the Council's satisfaction.

YOUTH AND EDUCATION

128/13 REPLACEMENT MOWER

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council's lawn mower was completely broken and was beyond economic repair. Quotations had been received and it was proposed by Councillor Bathurst, seconded by Councillor Flynn and **RESOLVED** that the Council purchase a Warrior 22 inch mower for £583.33.

129/13 REPORT FROM WORKING GROUP

There was no report on this occasion.

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HIGHWAYS, ROAD SAFETY AND TRANSPORT

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There was still a problem with communication with the highways department. Councillor Mant would draft a letter highlighting the Council's concerns regarding highway issues in the parish for the Clerk to send out.

131/13 WELCOME SIGNS TO THE VILLAGE

The signs had been discussed with the notice boards.

132/13 CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

133/13 NEXT AGENDA ITEMS

Arrangements for the Council Christmas dinner.

134/13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting to be held on **Monday 18th November** 2013 following the Planning Committee meeting at approximately 7.45pm to be held in the Small Hall, The Common, Chipperfield

The meeting closed at 9.21 pm

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